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Please substitute the following claim 60 for the pending claim 60:

60. (Once Amended) The method of claim 52, wherein said first, second, third or fourth recombination sites are *lox* sites or functional mutants thereof.

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Please substitute the following claim 62 for the pending claim 62:

62. (Once Amended) The method of claim 52, wherein said first, second, third or fourth recombination sites are *att* sties or functional mutants thereof.

Please substitute the following claim 64 for the pending claim 64:

64. (Once Amended) The method of claim 52, wherein said first, second, third or fourth recombination sites are selected from the group consisting of a *lox* site, an *att* site, an FRT site, and functional mutants thereof.

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Please substitute the following claim 65 for the pending claim 65:

65. (Twice amended) The method of claim 52, wherein said amplification product and said vector are combined in the presence of at least one recombination protein.

- **(b)** Please add the following new claims 68 and 69:
- 68. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein said amplification product is a polymerase chain reaction product.

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69. (New) The method of claim 68, wherein said polymerase chain reaction product is linear.